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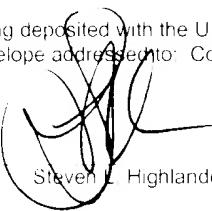
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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Paul McCray et al.

Serial No.: 09 448,613

Group Art Unit: 1641

Filed: November 22, 1999

Examiner: R. Schnizer

For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR
INCREASING THE INFECTIVITY OF
GENE TRANSFER VECTORS

Atty. Dkt. No.: IOWA:022/SLH

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 1, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Commissioner:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of two-months to and including September 1, 2001 in which to respond to the Office Action dated June 1, 2001.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$390.00 is enclosed, which is the process fee (\$390.00) for a two-months extension of time.

If the check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R.

§§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an
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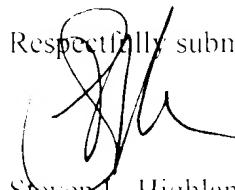
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overpayment be included herein, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212 10008931-SLH.

Respectfully submitted,



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